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Two Die, One Injured in Bayou Vista Mobile Home Fire

ST. MARY PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue to investigate a mobile home fire in Bayou Vista that claimed the life of a man and woman, injured another man and killed at least two pets.

Around 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, the Bayou Vista Fire Department responded to a report of a double-wide mobile home fire located in the 100 block of Jupiter Street in the Bayou Vista area. When firefighters arrived, they found a man, badly burned, and a woman outside trying to put the fire out and reporting that two people were still inside. Unfortunately, firefighters later located the body of a man in a hallway and the body of a woman in a bedroom. The injured man was taken to an area hospital for treatment while at least two dogs were also found dead in the home.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the St. Mary Parish Coroner's Office, the victims are believed to be a 28-year-old man and 38-year-old woman, both residents of the home.

Following an assessment of the scene and conducting witness statements, deputies have determined the fire began in the living room area of the home, however, the cause of this fire remains undetermined at this time.

This investigation remains ongoing and is in collaboration with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.

In addition, deputies were unable to locate any working smoke alarms in this home. Smoke alarms have been proven to be the difference between life and death in a fire emergency, no matter the type of home. If you have smoke alarms, ensure they are working. If you need help getting smoke alarms for your home, Operations Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm, visit our website at lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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